



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

THRIVING COMMUNITIES WORKING PARTY MEETING 11 NOVEMBER 2025 (9:30 AM)

1.1. Present: Cllrs Joan Solomon (Chair)

Also in attendance: Jennifer Armstrong (Clerk/RFO) and Lorraine Elliss (Deputy Clerk)

Community Safety Partnership

- 1.2. The Working Party met with Camaron Baxter the Isle of Wight Council's Community Safety Officer (CSO) via Teams.
- 1.3. Information was provided regarding the structure of the Community Safety Partnership and associated groups.
- 1.4. The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) operated at director level on a strategic basis.
- 1.5. The Joint Action group (JAG) is a multiagency meeting who met online. The police were involved and abandoned buildings as well as some other issues affecting Sandown were on the agendas.
- 1.6. The Neighbourhood Management Meeting was held regionally (West Wight, Newport, East Wight)
- 1.7. The CSO had, with local police, attended an IWALC meeting to discuss the issues facing the Island.
- 1.8. The Community Safety Team consisted of two officers. A potential proposal for a third member of staff, with costs split between Ryde, Newport and Sandown would be brought forward to increase capacity in much the same way working with the Public Realm Officers and Planning Enforcement.
- 1.9. Issues discussed with the working party included:
 - Any funding requests for additional resource would need to be provided before the November 2025 budget preparation meeting.
 - The Town Council had made some improvements to help address anti-social behaviour (Battery Gardens, improvement works at Eastern Gardens) and would be interested in hearing of other initiatives which may help reduce crime and antisocial behaviour.
 - A follow-up would be arranged, online, in March 2026.

Workstreams

- 1.10. Members had been asked to bring forward items to form a workplan. The following were proposed:
- 1.11. Short-term goals:
 - Wall art, murals

- Street illuminations (potential joint project with Town Centre Revival)
- Decorating windows

1.12. Medium term goals:

- Form a network with Community Safety Partnership, PCSO, Neighbourhood Watch -with regular meetings and joint projects.

1.13. Long term projects:

- Working with existing HMOs, to integrate, investigate social support options etc.
- Work to limit future HMOs in this area (currently part of planning committees work).